

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment for the
Rio Grande Nature Center Habitat Restoration Project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has released a Draft Environmental Assessment for the Rio Grande Nature Center Habitat Restoration Project. This project is a cooperative effort with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Act Collaborative Program (Collaborative Program). This is a Collaborative Program funded project. This project proposes to reconnect the historic channel that runs through the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park (and crosses under the Bosque Loop Trail) in order to provide habitat for the Rio Grande silvery minnow.

Public review of the Draft Environmental Assessment will begin on February 27 and will run for 30 days until March 29. Copies will also be available on the Corps web site at <http://www.spa.usace.army.mil> (go to FONSI/Environmental Assessments). Hard copies may also be requested.

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